

City of Sacramento

Legislation Text

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Title:

Candidate Statement Regulations for the March 3, 2020 Municipal Election

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Location: Citywide

Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution adopting regulations for candidate statements to be submitted to the voters at the March 3, 2020, Municipal Election.

Contact: Mindy Cuppy, City Clerk, (916) 808-5442, Office of the City Clerk

Presenter: None

Attachments:

1-Description/Analysis

2-Resolution

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: Prior to an election, the City must adopt a resolution that establishes regulations for the preparation of, and payment for, processing candidate statements. These statements are submitted with a candidate's nomination papers and are for inclusion in the official sample ballot. The candidate statement is optional. The statement may include the candidate's name, age, occupation and a brief description of no more than 200 words describing the candidate's education and qualifications.

Each candidate filing a statement is required to pay in advance an estimated pro rata share as a condition of having the statement included in the official sample ballot. In compliance with minority language provisions of the Federal Voting Rights Act, statements shall be printed in the sample ballot in English, Spanish, and Chinese.

The Sacramento County Registrar of Voter's Office has estimated the following pro rata shares sufficient to cover the costs of translation, printing, handling, and mailing. These amounts are based

on current registration figures. The estimate is an approximation of the actual cost that varies from one election to another and may be significantly more or less than the estimate, depending on the actual number of candidates filing statements.

Accordingly, the Clerk is not bound by the estimate and may, on a pro rata basis, bill the candidate for additional actual expenses or refund any excess paid depending on the actual cost. In the event of underpayment, the City Clerk may require the candidate to pay the balance of the cost incurred. In the event of overpayment, the City Clerk shall prorate the excess amount among the candidates and refund the excess amount paid within 30 days of receiving the actual costs from the County Registrar of Voters.

Mayoral - \$3,250.00

District 2 - \$600.00

District 4 - \$750.00

District 6 - \$650.00

District 8 - \$650.00

Policy Considerations: This procedure is established in accordance with California Elections Code section 13307.

Environmental Considerations: None.

Sustainability: None.

Commission/Committee Action: None.

Rationale for Recommendation: Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 13307, the City Council must adopt regulations pertaining to the processing of, and payment for, candidate statements prior to the opening of the nomination period.

Financial Considerations: The adoption of this regulation will establish the cost of including the optional candidate statement in the official sample ballot. The funds received will be deposited into the General Fund and be used to offset the overall costs incurred.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not applicable.